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—OF THE—

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Cahaba Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

UNION CHURCH, HALE CO., ALA.,

*On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 15th,
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The "Religious Herald" is responsible for the following statement: "The ordained foreign mission force of four leading denominations in the United States is 509. That of the Baptist is 72. The number of converts from heathenism at the various stations under the ministry of the 509, is 53,071. While the members under the ministry of the 72 Baptists is 81,638." Should not the manner in which the heathens receive the truth, as we hold it, be an incentive to us to give it to them more abundantly?

Respectfully Submitted,

P. C. DREW, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.—REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Divine blessing has rested conspicuously upon the work of State Missions in Alabama. Five years ago our State Board had only one laborer in the field; during the year just past they have had twenty-one missionaries and the Corresponding Secretary at work a part or all the time.

The work is evidently taking firmer and firmer hold upon the hearts of our people; and the interest is also spreading. So true is this, the Board are now finding it pretty generally practicable to withdraw the laborers from the churches that have pastors, and confine them to points that are destitute and that promise good returns.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association adopt the suggestion of our State Mission Board, to endeavor during the ensuing year to raise \$1,391.65 as follows: For State Missions, \$666.66; for Home Missions, \$333.-

33; for Foreign Missions, \$166.66; for Ministerial Education, \$225.00.

We herewith submit report of Bro. W. B. Crumpton, District Evangelist.

REPORT OF DISTRICT EVANGELIST.

REV. W. B. CRUMPTON, Evangelist.

Dear Brethren :—Your Evangelist entered upon his labors February 1st. He reports as follows :

Sermons preached, 79 ; miles traveled, 737 ; Deacons ordained, 4 ; days labored, 68. In addition to this, Rev. J. G. McCaskey, at my request, has visited some churches which I could not reach the second time and has preached 13 sermons, traveled 143 miles and labored 12 days.

I have visited all the churches in your bounds, (most of them twice). I have organized some Sabbath Schools. I have collected and receipted for \$144.35.

The following is a brief summary of my work in whole field :

Time—from February 1st to October 1st :—

Sermons preached, 235 ; days labored, 211 ; Miles traveled, 2,156 ; churches visited, 78 ; subscribers secured to the *Alabama Baptist*, 160 ; addresses delivered 30 ; Baptized 2 ; received by letter 24. One church reorganized with 21 members. Pages of Tracts delivered, 2,000.

A number of your churches have no Sabbath Schools. There are very few Evergreen Schools.—Prayer meetings are almost unknown in many of your churches. The church houses are generally uncomfortable, many of them in a dilapidated condition.—The most of the country preachers are very poorly paid for their services. The churches generally, have no system for their missionary work. But with all these things against us, I am happy to say, I can see signs of a better day coming. I have been

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In conclusion, let me urge upon you the importance of occupying Greensboro another year. Besides that point, I cannot say you have any destitution in your bounds.

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APPENDIX C.—REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is that mental discipline that brightens the understanding, corrects the temper, moulds the manners and habits of youth and thus fits them for usefulness. All learning is made to subserve the cause of truth; eloquence, poetry, history, the arts and sciences defend, enrich, adorn and advance the truth.

Education widens the realm of thought; it enlarges the circle of spiritual life and in due proportion increases the means of doing good.

All science, all *true* knowledge, are but so many rays of light emanating from the fountain of light and wisdom, and as they are better understood they lead the soul nearer and nearer to its God. To give to our children a good education in arts and sciences is important; to give them a religious education is indispensable. To be a ripe and finished scholar both head and heart must be educated; for no person is educated in the highest sense unless he has learned to obey and love his God. He may be intelligent, may be learned, his mind richly stored with knowledge, but he is not truly educated unless the principles of the

heart have been regulated and chastened till by faith he offers acceptable sacrifice to God.

True education gives new life, new peace, new hope new love, new aspirations; and the mind becomes enlarged or contracted, depending upon the subjects of its contemplation. If it dwells upon little subjects it will be enfeebled; if upon large subjects, it will be enlarged and elevated. Without religious education and its sublime truths Moses would have been only a shepherd; but religion made him the Jewish law-giver and the prophet for all time: But for religion Peter and John nothing more than humble fishermen; Paul a tent maker; Luther a fiddler and Bunyan a profane tinker; but see! the fishermen have left their tents; the one is the preacher of pentecost, the other the prophet of Patmos; Paul the most sublime and wonderful man of all time; Luther the sledge hammer of the Reforma'tion, is the second of the world's three mighties: Moses is the first; the third is yet to come. And Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress has carried sunbeams and joy into hundreds of death chambers. Devoutly thankful ought we to be for the gift of great men. They are God's noblest work.

Our object, however, in this report is not so much to portray to you the excellencies of an education as to direct you to the facilities in our midst of bequeathing to our children a legacy so rich. Howard College and the Judson Institute, the Alma Maters of so many brilliant young men and ladies, present to the Baptists of Alabama and the neighboring states superior claims.

The Presidents of both institutions being men of rare abilities as Educators, aided by efficient and Christian Faculties, with so many of the students members of the church, they exert a hallowed and saving influence over their Schools.

The Intellectual training is both practical and thorough, increasing the student's prospect of success in life.

Owing to the increase in the number of Theological students applying to Howard College for an Education the Associations should increase their efforts to raise money, not only to pay for their tuition, but also to pay for their board and books, and should as soon as possible employ a professor for their especial benefit.

Every Baptist institution in the State should feel called upon to act as agent to collect all they can for this purpose.

With reference to these schools, there is one fact of the deepest interest which we should not fail to notice. Every year many young men and young ladies go up to them without a good hope in Jesus Christ, and go back home to tell to their own what great things the Lord has done for their Souls. These noble institutions, the pride of our State, we commend to your fostering care and to your prayerful regard.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BISHOP, Chairman.

APPENDIX D—REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Educational Fund of Cahaba Association.

1879.	Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 17. To cash received of A. Lawson..	\$81 10	
Nov. 22. By books from D. P. Goodhue for W. N. H.....		\$3 25
Nov. 24. By college dues of W. N. Huckabee		18 55
Nov. 24. By cash to W. N. Huckabee....		25 00
Dec. 2. By books from D. P. Goodhue..		1 65
By balance carried down.....		32 65
	<hr/> \$81 10	<hr/> \$81 10
To amount brought down.....	\$32 65	
To amount received of A. Lawson	19 00	
By amount of balance in Savings Bank.....		51 65
	<hr/> \$51 65	<hr/> \$51 65

APPENDIX E.—REPORT ON ALABAMA BAPTIST.

The committee on the Alabama Baptist report, our denominational organ in a prosperous condition. Bro. West, with his co-editors, have made the paper what it deserves to be, second to no paper in the South. The subscription list is still increasing and we sincerely hope that the day is not far distant when it shall find its way into the home of every Baptist in this and adjoining States.

We can only say that we are proud of the paper, as it is the medium through which we receive intelligence of the religious condition of our country.

Many of the articles written by the various contributors to its columns, are well worth the price of the paper.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. O. PERRY Chairman.

APPENDIX F.—REPORT ON RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF CHURCHES.

Judging from the Reports made to this Association, there has been an increase of baptisms with the churches over that of last year. And from accounts given through the Alabama Baptist, we notice that many churches have enjoyed precious revivals, and refreshings from the presence of the Lord. So far as we are able to ascertain, the numbers of interesting Sabbath Schools, we are happy to state, continue to grow. More of our members are taking and reading the Alabama Baptist, the good results of which are visible both in churches and families; we recommend that they be continued. So far as our information extends, the visits of our District Evangelist, Rev. W. B. Crompton, have been appreciated and the churches edified by his visits and preaching.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. M. PERRY, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.—REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report.

We would recommend that the next Meeting of the Cahaba Association be held with the Pine Flat Church.

Introductory Sermon, by W. B. Crumpton.

Sabbath School Address, Sunday Morning 9 A. M.

Missionary Sermon, L. R. Gwaltney, Sabbath, 11 A. M.

Delegates to the State Convention :

J. T. Collins, W. A. Bishop, J. D. Lawhorn, D. S. Hogue, J. S. Ford, W. L. Fagan, H. T. Stringfellow, Alfred Lawson, L. L. Lee, A. M. Perry, P. C. Drew, W. O. Perry, W. R. Martin, E. S. White, R. C. Keeble, W. C. Ward, H. S. D. Mallory, T. S. Bowen.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. W. Collins, Chairman.

Amended (1) By adding to the list of delegates the names of the Committee, composed of Brethren Collins, Woods and May.

Amended (2) By adding the name of Rev. T. M. Bailey, to make the Sunday School address on Sabbath morning.

APPENDIX H—REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Report on Letters and Documents, would recommend to the Committee on "Aged and Infirm Ministers, and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers," Sister Nancy Summers, of Carthage, Hale county, widow of Rev. Jno. E. Summers, deceased, as one both worthy and needy of their attention.

It is our sad duty to note the deaths of Rev. John Dennis, of Providence Church; Brother and Sister

Richardson, of Concord; and Sister McCauley, of Mars Hill.

We recommend to churches and families as suitable and indispensable religious literature, *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga; the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., and the *Alabama Baptist*.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. DREW, Chairman.

APPENDIX J—REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

For State Missions, cash and vouchers.....	\$542 50
Sabbath collections for State Missions.....	9 15
For Home Missions, cash and vouchers.....	95 05
Sabbath collections for Home Missions.....	9 15
For Foreign Missions, cash and vouchers.....	150 55
Sabbath collections for Foreign Missions.....	9 15
For indigent ministers.....	59 60
For Ministerial Education Vouchers....	141 80
For Minutes....	63 10

J. H. WILLIAMSON, Chairman.



APPENDIX K—REPORT OF TREASURER.

ALFRED LAWSON, Treasurer.

1879.	In account with Cahaba Association.	
Oct. 18.	To amount rec'd from Finance Com.	\$142 30
	Outside collections,	4 50
	Sunday collections for Missions,	18 70
	Collections for W N Huckabee,	71 10
	From Siloam Church for Minist'l Ed,	19 00
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		\$255 60
	By H A Tupper, Cor Sec F M B'd,	19 55
	“ J B Lovelace, Tr Home Board,	9 35
	“ W H McIntosh, Cor Sec H B'd	10 00
	“ L L Lee, Clerk of Association,	57 45
	“ T J Dill, Chr Ed Committee,	19 00
	“ “ “ “ “	81 00
	“ T M Bailey, Cor Sec S B'd,	56 65
	“ Sister Summers,	2 50
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		\$255 60

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALFRED LAWSON, Treas.

APPENDIX L—REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Preaching of the Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading letters from the churches.
3. Permanent election of officers.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appoint committee on Religious Services for the session.
6. Receive correspondence and recognition of officials.
7. Return correspondence.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Appointment of Standing Committees.
10. Close of each day read and correct Minutes.
11. Miscellaneous or new business.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. DREW, Chairman.

[APPENDIX N.]

TRIBUTE TO REV. JOHN DENNIS.

Rev. JOHN DENNIS was born on January 13th, 1790, in the State of Georgia, and was baptized in that State. He served as corporal in Floyd's Brigade in the Creole War of 1812. In December, 1824, he moved to Perry county, Ala., and united with the Ocmulgee Church by letter. On the 25th of April, 1829, he was ordained to the Gospel Ministry; Presbytery, Noah Haggard, Wm. West and Wm. Calloway. He remained a member of this church until January, 1833; then located near Centreville, Bibb county, Ala. The Father called him home on Friday, April 23rd, 1880, in his 91 year. His relatives, friends and Providence Church have erected a suitable monument to Uncle JOHN and Aunt PEGGY DENNIS.

When Brother DENNIS entered the Ministry he had not the advantage even of a common education. He could read, and having not *one* of the *best*, but the *best* library ever published for ministers of the gospel, he made good use of that acquisition in its perusal. His library consisted of sixty-six books published sometimes in two volumes, entitled the Old and the New Testaments; and sometimes in one volume called the Bible. These he carefully read and prayerfully studied—got his doctrine from the Bible. His advice to his brethren, young in the ministry was generally very brief and pointed. It was simply this, "*Read your Bible—get your doctrine from the Bible.*" If my recollection serves me right it was a rule with Brother DENNIS to read the Bible through every year.

Brother DENNIS having no family except his excellent wife—a devout Christian—gave himself (we may say) continually to prayer and to the ministry of the

word, and thereby soon rose up to a high stand and extensive usefulness as a preacher of the glorious gospel of the blessed God. The Cahaba Association was the field of his labors from the first to the last. With the exception of two or three years which were spent in riding as a Missionary in the bounds of the Association, he was engaged in serving the churches as pastor. As a preacher he preached Christ, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that he might present every man perfect in Christ. As pastor, or an under shepherd, he fed the flock of God, giving to the lambs the sincere milk of the word; and to the sheep the stronger meat. His piety was deep and solid. In his intercourse among men he was discreet and harmless—piety and policy, wisdom and innocency in his life were happily blended together, offending none by work or example.

The good fight has been fought, the faith kept, the crown of righteousness received. The Master, whom he so faithfully served, has said to the departed spirit, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The memory of this beloved brother in Christ, and servant of the most high God, will be fondly cherished by all who knew him as long as memory on earth shall last.

J. S. FORD.



CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, PREACHING.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	PASTORS' P. O.	CLERKS.	CLERKS P. O.	PREACHING.
Antioch.....	Hale.....	W A Bishop.....	Carthage.....	Wm Rhodes.....	Greensboro.....	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.....
Bethel.....	Hale.....	W A Bishop.....	Carthage.....	J P Harris.....	Harrisburg.....	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.....
Bethlehem.....	Perry.....					
Concord.....	Perry.....	W N Huckabee.....	Randolph.....	S A Bolling.....	Perryville.....	1st Sab. and Sat. before.....
Ephesus.....	Perry.....	A M Perry.....	Pinetucky.....	T J Worrell.....	Marion.....	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.....
Fellowship.....	Perry.....	W A Bishop.....	Charthage.....	W L Fagan.....	Morgan Springs.....	2nd Sab. and Sat. before.....
Friendship.....	Perry.....	Wm L Cochran.....	Six Mile.....	J W Cochran.....	Ocmulgee.....	3rd Sab. and Sat. before.....
Hopewell.....	Perry.....	W H McIntosh.....	Marion.....	S A Lide.....	Marion.....	1st and 3d Sabbath.....
Harmony.....	Perry.....	P C Drew.....	Marion.....	J E Walker.....	Newberne.....	1st Sabbath.....
Macedonia.....	Hale.....	J B Pool.....	Havana.....	W R Stivender.....	Havana.....	
Mars Hill.....	Perry.....	A J Kynard.....	Marion.....	A P Ford.....	Marion.....	1st Sab. and Sat.....
Medline.....	Perry.....	A M Perry.....	Pinetucky.....	T A Sanders.....	Morrowville.....	1st Sab. and Sat.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	Hale.....	T M Barbour.....	Tuscaloosa.....	R Y Woods.....	Carthage.....	Once a month.....
Mt. Hebron.....	Hale.....	J S Ford.....	Acron.....	P T Harris.....	Green Springs.....	2nd Sab. and Sat.....
Mt. Gilead.....	Bibb.....	A M Perry.....	Pinetucky.....	W T McCraw.....	Centreville.....	2nd Sab. and Sat.....
Mt. Zion.....	Bibb.....	I U Wilkes.....	Montevallo.....	J N C Brown.....	Centreville.....	3rd Sab and Sat.....
Macon.....	Hale.....	E J Forrester.....		J T Collins.....	Macon Station.....	1st and 3rd Sunday.....
New Hope.....	Hale.....	J S Ford.....	Acron.....	J S Davis.....	Flinns Mill.....	4th Sab and Sat.....
Newberne.....	Hale.....					
Ocmulgee.....	Perry.....	P C Drew.....	Marion.....	W O Perry.....	Oak Grove.....	4th Sab. and Sat.....
Oak Grove.....	Dallas.....	L R Gwaltney.....	Marion.....	W P McCollum.....	Marion Junction.....	3rd Sabbath.....
Pine Flat.....	Perry.....	P C Drew.....	Marion.....	E P George.....	Felix.....	2nd Sab and Sat.....
Pleasant Hill.....	Hale.....	J S Ford.....	Acron.....	J M Geddie.....	Carthage.....	1st Sab. and Sat.....
Pisgah.....	Perry.....	P C Drew.....	Marion.....	W W Smith.....	Perryville.....	3rd Sab. and Sat.....
Providence.....	Dallas.....	E F Baber.....	Collirene.....	J F Averyt.....	Orrville.....	2nd Sab. and 4th Sab. and Sat.....
Sardis.....		Oliver Stephens.....		R S Tubb.....		
Siloam.....	Perry.....	E T Winkler.....	Marion.....	J L Wyatt.....	Marion.....	Twice each Sunday.....
Selma.....	Dallas.....	W C Cleveland.....	Selma.....	A J Goodwin.....	Selma.....	“ “.....
Union.....	Hale.....	J S Ford.....	Acron.....	H T Stringfellow.....	Greensboro.....	3rd Sab. and Sat.....
Uniontown.....	Perry.....					
Hephzibah.....	Perry.....	A M Perry.....	Pinetucky.....	H F Hagard.....	Pinetucky.....	4th Sab. and Sat.....

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Members last reported.....	Since received by baptism.....	Since received by letter.....	Since restored.....	Number deceased.....	Number excluded by letter.....	Number of white members.....	Number of colored members.....	Total number of members.....	Number of S. S. scholars.....	Number Sunday school teachers	No. copies religious papers taken	No. copies Sun. S. papers taken..	Whole amount collected.	Pastors' salary..	Church expenses.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions..	State Missions...	Ministerial Education.....	Poor.....	Sup'd ministers, widows and orphans.....	Minutes	Sunday school collections....	Sunday School expenses.....
Antioch	43						46	1	47			4		\$68 50	\$67 00								1 50		
Bethel.....	9	9	4						22	27	3	3		81 50	80 00								1 50		
Bethlehem.....																									
Concord.....	106				2 3		97		97	40	5		25	285 25	145 65	125 00			10 00			1 60	3 00		
Ephesus	117	18	2	4	2 3	4	142		142	21	4	2		203 20		200 00			1 25				1 95		
Fellowship.....	107				1 1	5			100	13	1	10	13	123 25	100 00				21 25				2 00		
Friendship	75	5	3	2	1 5	7			72					47 00	4 00				5 00				3 00		
Hopewell.	65					4	61			36	5		33	288 00	250 00				36 00				2 00		
Harmony	13	1	1						15	17		11		58 00	35 00	15 50			5 00				1 00		
Macedonia.....	44				2				42	50	4	8		8 85					7 35				1 50		
Mars Hill.....	74		3		1	1	75		75	48	4	3	17	73 95	50 00				10 75				1 50	11 70	11 55
Medline.....	150	8	3	3	2 2	38	121		121	15	2	6		47 35	40 00				7 00				2 10		
Mt. Pleasant....									19					7 85					4 60				3 25		
Mt. Hebron.....									24			8		5 40					3 90				1 50		
Mt. Gilead.....	41	1	2			4			40	15	2	6		67 00	55 00				7 00	2 00			3 00		
Mt. Zion.....	46	4	2			4			48			8		170 00	150 00	18 00							2 00		
Macon.....	22		4			8			18	25	2	8	30	492 90	400 00	10 00	17 00	21 50	28 40				2 00	7 00	7 00
New Hope.....	82					4			78					4 00					2 00				2 00		
Newberne.....																			50						
Ocmulgee.....	104	3			1		81	25	106	40	4	10	33	165 00	125 00	10 00	5 00	2 00	20 00				3 00		
Oak Grove.....									21	25		6	25	106 50	100 00		2 50		2 50				1 50		
Pine Flat.....	62	19	1			2	80		80	30	4	9	25		100 00	52 85			13 25			2 00	3 00	9 00	9 00
Pleasant Hill....	65	7	2		1 2	18			53	19	3	19	15	4 35					2 35				2 00		
Pisgah	105	9	2	2	4	2			114	51	6	10	35	163 50	138 00	8 00			16 50				3 00	6 00	6 00
Providence.....	69	14	13		2	1	93		93	25	4	45		513 34	330 00	125 00	11 30	3 35	48 40	5 75			2 00	8 00	15 00
Sardis.....	72	10	2	1	2 1	2			80					2 00									2 00		
Siloam.....	318	49	7		1 1	27			345	200	23		274	3,028 01	2,416 66	45 50	20 65	100 00	96 15	296 95		3 00	49 10	64 75	
Selma.....	225	8	11		1	20			223	150	17		700	3,957 69	1,800 00	741 30	62 80	37 80	150 00	106 40	56 05	56 00	3 33	50 50	
Union.....	74				1 1		72		72	25	2	6	12	99 75		5 40	4 00		5 00	1 00		3 00	6 35	6 35	
Uniontown.....																			5 00						
Hephzibah.....		2	20						22	36	4			51 75	40 00				8 75				3 00		

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